

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: S. TSUNODA et al  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS OF  
MAKING THE DEVICES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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September 30, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.